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Statement by Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman and Secretary of Business Transportation and Housing Sunne McPeak on the extension of Route 241:

"The Schwarzenegger Administration has been studying the proposed Foothill Toll Road in Orange and San Diego Counties, and the Governor and other high-ranking officials from his Administration have personally toured the area.

"This is a complex issue involving a State Park with an expiring lease on Federal military land with the decision-making authority over this proposed road resting in the hands of local officials represented by the Transportation Corridor Authority (TCA).

"Administration officials are very disappointed that the TCA was unable to find an alternative alignment acceptable to the military. We understand the desperate need to reduce traffic congestion in this area, but are equally concerned about losing valuable state park land that is beloved by so many California residents.

"Following TCA's vote, federal and state law will require the TCA to complete additional filings and a Federal environmental impact statement. The Resources and Business, Transportation and Housing Agencies will continue to work with the military, TCA, local officials and stakeholders to mitigate any impacts on San Onofre State Park should the project go forward as proposed, and to explore all viable alternatives should there be an opportunity to reconsider the alignment."